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Select Essays in Anglo-American Legal History. Volume II. (Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1898. Pp. 823.)

The first volume of these essays was noticed in the May, 1908, issue of this REVIEW. Occasion was then taken to point out the general aim of the committee of the Association of American Law Schools in compiling and editing these volumes, and to predict that the undertaking would be received with gratitude by teachers and students of Anglo-American law. The essays in the first volume were of the nature of general surveys. In the present volume the history of particular topics is begun. Five essays beginning with an English translation by Prof. Ernst Freund Brunner's well known "Ueberblick über die Geschichte der französischen, normannischen, und englischen Rechtsquellen," are devoted to the sources. Four essays deal with organization and jurisdiction of the courts; ten with procedure, and six with equity. The discriminating care with which these studies have been selected for collective republication is as evident in this as in the earlier volume.

Historical and Political Essays. By WILLIAM EDWARD HARTPOLE LECKY. (New York: Longmans, Green and Company. 1908. Pp. 324.)

The collection of publications in book form of the historical and political essays of W. E. H. Lecky will be welcomed by all lovers of serious literature. Mr. Lecky was at once an historian, a moralist and a thoughtful student of politics, and in each of his essays, whatever their subjects, these characteristics are manifested. Sincerity, moral earnestness, impartiality—except, possibly, with reference to the Irish Home Rule question—and keenness of political insight are displayed. The two opening essays, *Thoughts on History* and *the Political Value of History*, are of especial interest to the historian. From the latter of these the reviewer, despite his limitations of space, cannot forbear quoting a considerable passage, so characteristic is it of Mr. Lecky's quality of mind. Speaking of the great permanent forces that are steadily bearing nations onwards to improvement or decay, he says: "The strongest of these forces are the moral ones. Mistakes in statesmanship, military triumphs or disaster, no doubt offset materially the prosperity of nations, but their permanent political well-being is essentially the outcome of their moral state. Its foundation is laid in pure domestic life, in commercial integrity, in a high standard of moral worth